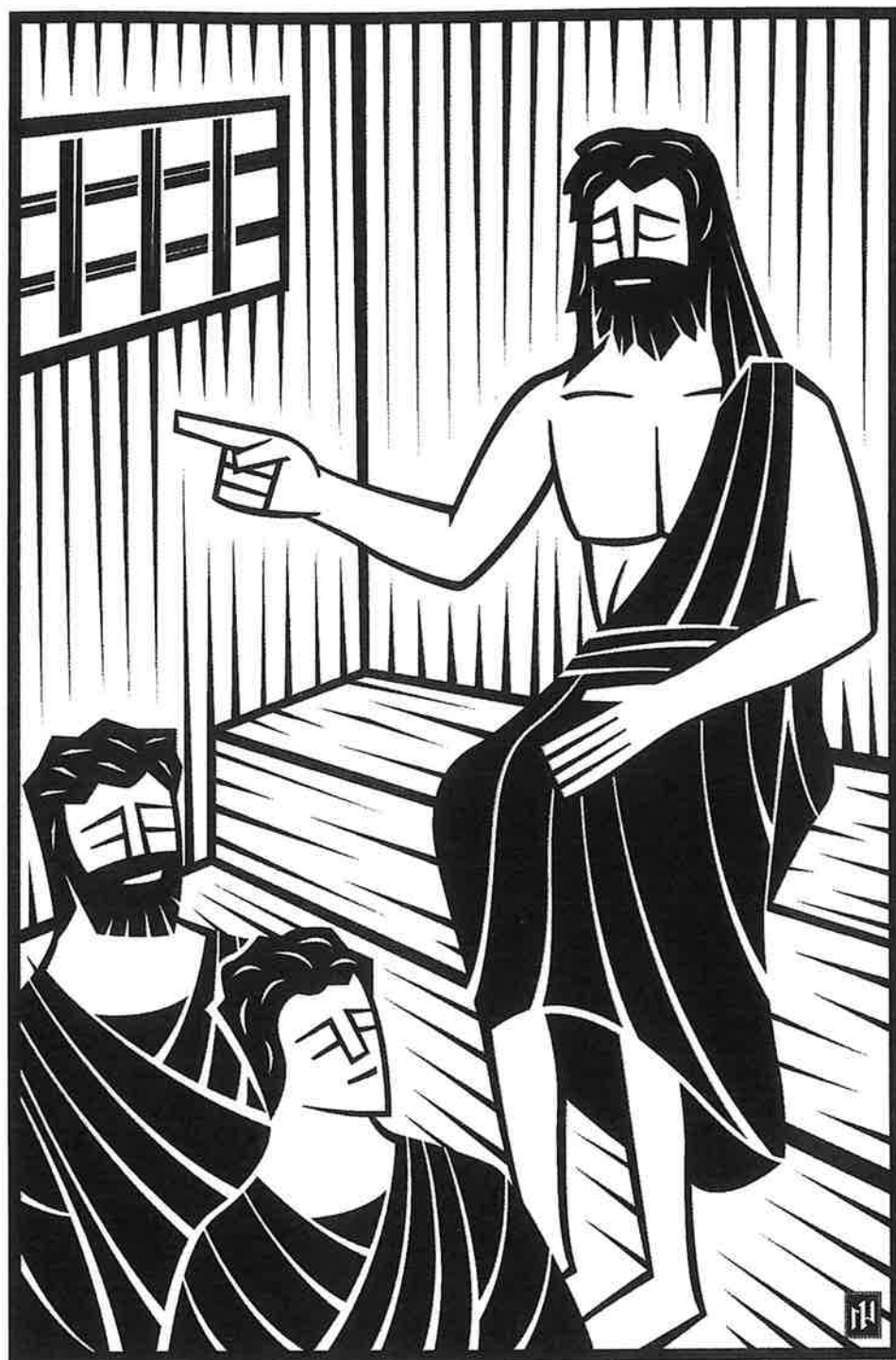


# Divine Service at 8:00



## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Here are a few things we'd like you to know...



## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP



We are so happy you are here!

We've got tot bags and children's bulletins that are located in the east and west rear entrances of the church. Also, check out our Visual Faith page in the back of the bulletin.

Please feel free to bring your kids up during the distribution of Holy Communion for a personal blessing.

The unstaffed Church Nursery is available for children three years of age and younger and is located in the lower level. If you need help finding it, please ask one of our ushers who will gladly guide you.

## PRAYER REQUESTS



If you have a prayer request that you would like announced to the congregation, you will find a prayer request card on the tables located near each entrance into the sanctuary. Drop the completed card into one of the boxes located at each entrance, or simply hand it to an usher.

## CONNECTIONS COUNTER



Visit the Connections Counter located in Ebenezer Hall. We've been expecting you and have a gift for our visitors. You can also pick up information on all we have to offer and sign up for events too!

## SPECIAL NEEDS



We offer a hearing loop, large print bulletins and printed copies of today's sermon. If these would be helpful, please ask one of our ushers who would be delighted to assist you.

## GATHERING TIME



Join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship on Sunday mornings, after the early service and before Sunday school and Bible classes begin.

## EMMANUEL APP



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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

**BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY**

The Third Sunday in Advent

December 14, 2025

## “Joy Beyond Comparing”

### AS WE GATHER

On our own, we have no future; the ground of our hearts is cracked and hardened by sin, and there is no life in us. But through the atoning cross of Jesus Christ and in the power of His resurrection, we have a way out of the shadow of death; a way fed by springs of living water bubbling up to eternal life and, as Isaiah writes in our text, “And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away” (Isaiah 35:9-10).

### + THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE AT 8:00 A.M. +

#### THE GATHERING TIME

During the Gathering Time, we encourage our members to greet each other with God’s peace and to welcome visitors. Kindly turn off all cellphones and please sit toward the center of the pew so there is room for all who worship.

THE PRELUDE: “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”  
“Once Again My Heart Rejoices”

Weidner  
Bisbee

#### THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

#### THE WORDS OF WELCOME

#### THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

#### THE SHEPHERDS’ CANDLE

Leader: As we light the third candle on our Advent wreath, the Shepherds’ Candle, we recall the shepherds outside Bethlehem who heard the news of Jesus’ birth and came to worship Him. Remembering their joy and witness, we pray:

People: **Merciful Father, just as shepherds of old, bring to us good news that the Savior has come, send us to share this news with others; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

THE OPENING HYMN: “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Hymn 341

#### THE PRESENTATION OF PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please stand as you are able)

#### THE INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

# THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (Psalm 146:5, 7b-8a; Philippians 1:6)

Leader: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God.

People: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: Holy and gracious God,

People: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

Leader: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

## THE KYRIE (Tune: O Little Town of Bethlehem)



Have mer - cy on Your peo - ple, Lord. Have mer - cy, Christ, our King. Re -

- new us by Your mer - cy, Lord; ac - cept the...prayers we bring. We

long for mer - cy, Sav - ior, with - out it we will fall. Have

mer - cy on us, Sav - ior, for You are Lord of all.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

**(Please be seated)**

**THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**THE SECOND READING: James 5:7-11**

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**(Please stand, as you are able)**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-15**

**Leader:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**People:** Glory to You, O Lord!

When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." <sup>7</sup>As they went

away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is he of whom it is written, "'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'" <sup>11</sup>Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup>From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

Inside back cover of hymnal

(Please be seated)

THE SERMON HYMN: "Once He Came in Blessing"

Hymn 333

THE SERMON

Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please take the black binder at the end of each pew, and fill out the appropriate info. We encourage our members to greet our visitors after the service.

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Scholes

THE MINISTRY MINUTE

Holy Land Christians' Woodwork

(Please stand as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who offer prayers and supplications, that God would hear them on account of His Son who has enlightened the darkness of our hearts and every corner of creation by His incarnation, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all church workers, that the words they bear would prepare the way of Jesus' second advent and be received by all who hear them, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the homes of our land, that God would grant safety and security to all families; and that the faith would be delivered from one generation to the next, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all in authority, that they would be given wisdom and insight until the day when Christ comes again in glory to usher in His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the sick and grieving, that as the day draws near when blind eyes see, deaf ears hear, lame legs leap and mute tongues sing for joy, God would grant them healing according to His gracious will, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: O God, Your love invites us to rejoice in Your goodness. In every circumstance of life, teach us the joy that comes from knowing Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and eagerly expecting His gracious visitation; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

## + THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION +

THE PREFACE: (Spoken responsively by the Congregation)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

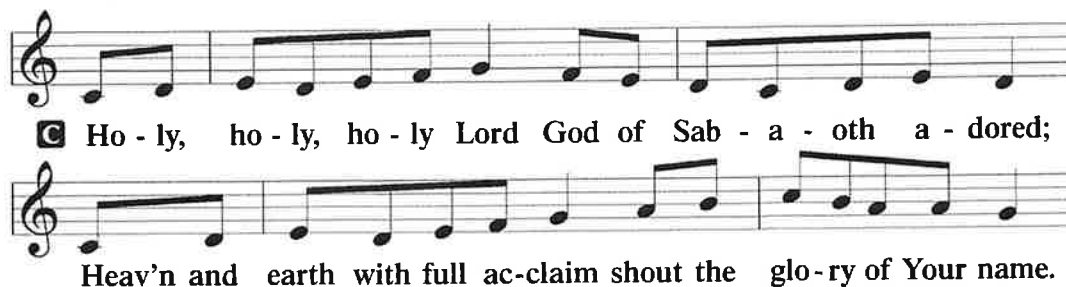
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

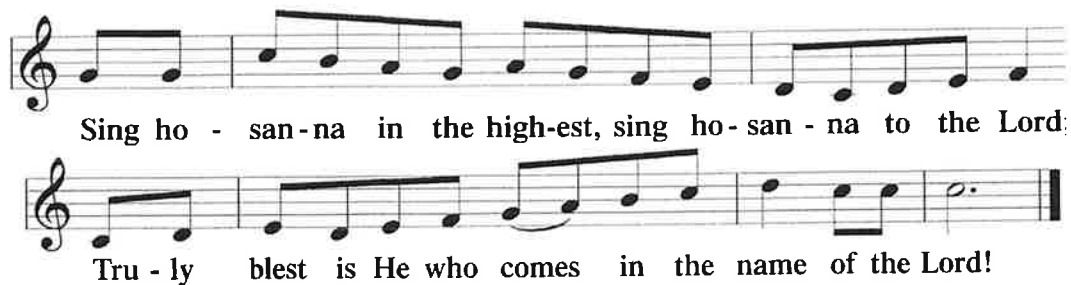
Leader: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS (Congregation sings)

LSB, 208



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken together)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI (Congregation sings)

LSB, 210



(Please be seated)

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (Served by stations)

When Jesus said, "This is My Body...This is My Blood," He really meant it. As Lutherans, we believe in the real bodily presence of Christ in the Sacrament, not merely in a figurative or symbolic sense. This means that Jesus' body and blood are actually present in the bread and wine received in Holy Communion. In this meal our faith is strengthened and forgiveness is assured. This gift is an act of God's love, which we don't deserve, cannot explain, and don't even fully understand. We humbly believe it. It is a request of our congregation that anyone who wishes to commune with us would share this faith. If you are not receiving the Lord's Supper today but desire a blessing, approach the Pastor with your arms crossed over your



heart. The individual cups located in the center of each tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those having that medical need. Individually packaged gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please ask the Communion Assistant if you have this dietary need.

#### THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

"Praise Unfolding"

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

"Coventry Carol"

"When All the World Was Cursed"

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

Eithun

Hymn 374

Crisafulli

Hymn 346

Hymn 334

#### THE DISMISSAL

#### THE NUNC DIMITTIS (Sung by the congregation)

LSB, 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

#### THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that,

on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

#### THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

**Leader:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Leader:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People:** Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Away in a Manger"

Hymn 364

THE POSTLUDE: "From Heaven Above"

Pachelbel

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Is. 7:10-17; Ps. 24; Rom. 1:1-7; Matt. 1:18-25

THE CHRISTMAS GREENS adorning the altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of John Kalb, from Judy Kalb and family; and in loving memory of my parents Arnie and Pat Hormanm, from Marilyn Brenner.

#### SERVING

Organ	Matt Johnston
Handbell Director	Cassie Didier
Flute	Anna Snodgrass
Acolyte	Lucas Comilang
Altar Guild	Tammy Bair, JoAnn Bender, LuAnn Bender, Tina Bruce
Opener	Don and Maureen Gentry
Usher Crew 3	Ed Davis, Chuck Karrick, Dave Bieberich, Matt Benne, Barry Gynn, Kurt Kleinrichert, Tom Matson, Bill Pynchon, Mike Repp
Communion	Josh Eggold, Mike Huesner, Randy Kammeyer, Bill LaBrash
Audio Engineer	Tom Anderson

## The Prayers of the Church

#### Prayer Requests

- Our congregation continues to care for one another through a faithful prayer ministry. Please pray for the following people this week:
  - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Pam Carmichael (sister of Deb Percy), Steve Herman, River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Colsen Gage (nephew of Annalissa Smith), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia Williams, Dick Reinking, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie

Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Deb Percy, Ed Braun, Norv McClure, Janine (friend of Lauryn Longworth), Gracelynn Anderson (granddaughter of Tim and Cindy Anderson), Randi Gramling (cousin of Deb Percy), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Salem Hilty, Faith Behling, Don Heckber, Wayne McClure, Mason Longworth, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling)

- Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Jan Reche, Steve Mueller, Ivy Harkenrider, Anne Kelly, Wes Harless, Jan Hoffman
- Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Bonnie Havener (sister-in-law of George and Becki Elonzae), Karen Burtch (sister-in-law of Lori Richey), Amy Krontz (daughter-in-law of David and Karen Wyss), Mary Grosjean, Peg Davis, Ashley Edge (niece of Barb and Gary Lesh), Barb Hambrock, Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Shelly Koenig (friend of Matt & Amy Konow), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith), Tina Bennett, Dennis McFadden, Lisa Toth (Pepple), Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), Art Klausmeier, Roger Kuehnert, John Jennings (friend of Dave and Tammy Bair), Bruce Williams, Herb Schumm, Rob Roehm, Ann Schwartz, Hazel Krenzke (Brian and Anna Snodgrass's niece), Robert Burmeister (Hannah Swor's dad), Roxanne Moore, Marsha Sappenfield, Jenny Nehrenz (niece of Charlene Hess), Rick Bair (brother of Dave and Tammy Bair)
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
  - Kara Beers, Kristian and Alex
  - Diana Beery
  - Valerie Beery
  - Dave and Sandy Behling, Faith and Christian
  - Barbara Behning
  - CarrieAnn Behrman, William
  - Jimmy and Jenny Beights, Maggie and Ezekiel
  - Carolyn Beitz
  - Brent and Liz Bejot, Braeden and Oliver
  - Boardy and Mary Bell, Jane and Thomas
- Please pray for the missions supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
  - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf - Ponce, Puerto Rico
  - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
  - Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
  - Heidi Wilkinson - Ethiopia
  - The Lutheran Heritage Foundation
  - Luther Academy
  - Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
  - Lutherans For Life (LFL)
  - Lutheran Bible Translators

If you have a prayer request that you would like to make known to our Emmanuel family, please email me at [taeggold@hotmail.com](mailto:taeggold@hotmail.com). If you would like to join the Emmanuel Prayer Chain, please email Marsha Sappenfield at [marshasappenfield@comcast.net](mailto:marshasappenfield@comcast.net) or call 260-616-0679.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism:** Thank God for the baptisms so far in 2025.

Dolores Harper	Parker Schultheis	Mason Gilliom	Atlas Arnold
Renae Smith	Rafael Alberto	Lois Altheide	Lincoln Griffin
Virginia Miller	Amelia Adair	Forrest Clarke	Brandon Cirilo
Charlotte Schmotzer	Lilyth Tittman	Anna Vandercar	William Vogt
Bennett Hoyle	Liam Hill	Rowen Lomont	Owen Light
Kollin Vanderford	Klaire Vanderford	Khloe Vanderford	Walter Vanderford
Wilma Vanderford	Vada Gillum	Valerie Miller	Gary Keller
Terry Buffington	Desirae Rider	Payton Caudill	Benjamin Rider
Alice Gynn	Quinn Brimmer	Parker Hall	Kirstin Lobozzo
Jordyn Christlieb	Devon Jewell	Izaiah Christlieb	Iyla Christlieb
Elyjun Christlieb	Amira Christlieb	Nevaeh Christlieb	Atreus Layman
Theodora Kendrick	Salem Lee Hilty	Austin Dillion	Nova Dillion
Daniel Schindler	Emmanuel Price		

## The Teaching of the Church

**Want Help Growing in the Word?** Regularly visit Pastor Brunow's website <http://www.genesbrunotes.com>. The website offers notes on each chapter of Scripture, Bible studies, tips for preparing for worship, and a weekly devotion based on the Gospel reading for the coming week. You can find these devotions under the "Sermon Notes Plus" option.

### Sunday School and Bible Class 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

CLASS	LOCATION
"The Kingdom of God is Coming"	Sanctuary
"I Believe"	Brandt Hall

### Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Monday Morning Moms	Loft	Monday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
LifeLight: Luke	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	3:30 p.m.
LifeLight: Luke	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	5:30 p.m.
Study the Psalms	Chapman's	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 a.m.
Women's Bible Study	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:30 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Friends in the Word	Loft	Thursday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
Bible Study & Fellowship	Chapman's	Thursdays	6:00 p.m.

@917 (Ages 25-45)	Ebenezer Hall	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.
This Is Most Certainly Brew	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 a.m.

## The News of the Church

**Sunday School's Journey to Bethlehem** - On Sunday, December 14, all of Emmanuel's kids are invited to journey through the halls of the school as we hear and see the Christmas story in a very unique way. This journey will begin in the gym at 9:00 a.m. and all the children (parents are invited too!) will be led to various characters of the Christmas story in the school building. The final scene will be back in the gym at 10:00 a.m. where we'd like everyone (children, their parents, all members of Emmanuel, etc.) to join in a simple but profound conclusion of word and song to this Journey to Bethlehem.

**Holy Land Christians Visit** - Join us this weekend to hear from Christian families of Bethlehem and view their handmade olivewood carvings in the Narthex. Proceeds support Christian families in the Holy Land.

**Lunch Bunch (60+)** - Please join us for our annual Christmas communion service at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary on Tuesday, December 16. The Early Childhood children, accompanied by Bev Williams, will be singing for us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Following the special service, we will be served a special Christmas meal at a cost of \$10.00 (payable that day).

**Beer and Hymns Christmas Singalong** - Join us on Sunday, December 21 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Chapman's for an afternoon of fellowship and singing with members from area LCMS congregations. All ages are welcome. Please bring a snack or potluck item to share.

**Volunteers Needed for Santa Shop at Washington School** - Washington School Santa Shop gift wrappers are still needed for December 16, 17, 18, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. To volunteer, please call Diane Witzenman at 260.249.1307.

## The Stewardship of the Church

### EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Year to Date: \$2,115,209	Anticipated Need Thru December, 2025: \$2,155,838
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### DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Last Week: \$550	Year to Date: \$14,016
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### CUP OF KINDNESS

Last Week: \$90	Year to Date: \$4.327
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### IN ALL GENERATIONS

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,234,783	Mortgage Balance: \$1,296,923	Total Cost* \$7,431,837
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\*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

## The Calendar of the Church

### Monday, December 15

- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Monday Morning Moms
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice
- 7:00 p.m. WC Neighborhood Association Meeting

### Tuesday, December 16

- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch Christmas Program
- 6:00 p.m. Study the Psalms at Chapman's

### Wednesday, December 17

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:30 a.m. ESM Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Communion Service
- 5:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 18

- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
- 9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
- 3:30 p.m. Food Pantry
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study at Chapman's

### Friday, December 19

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

### Saturday, December 20

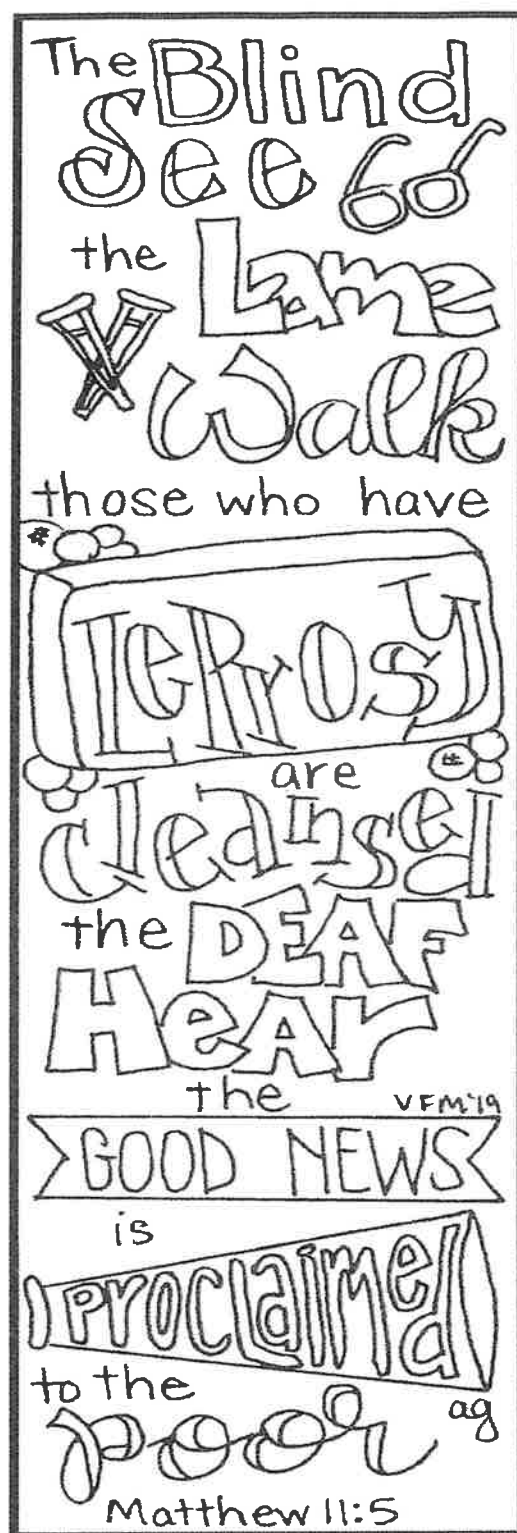
- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service w/ Communion

### Sunday, December 21

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion



## Sermon Notes



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# EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Building faith in the city*

We are a caring family of baptized Christians bound together in the forgiveness which God has provided all people through His Son, Jesus.

This family exists to announce this gift of forgiveness to individuals of all nations and cultures through the preaching of God's Word and the administration of the Sacraments. Emmanuel instructs young and old according to the confessional standard of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and reaches out through forgiving relationships, working to connect all members of the family through caring friendships.

Emmanuel serves as shepherds of the sheep; seekers of the lost; friends of sinners; and caregivers to the poor, lonely and broken-hearted. It is a family that cares for all people and reaches out to witness to the love and forgiveness found in Jesus Christ.

**Emmanuel Worship Services** are designed to share God's love and forgiveness through the ministry of Word and Sacrament. We offer a variety of worship styles and we encourage you to worship in the liturgical style that best meets your needs.

**Saturday Evening Divine Service**—This service offers a contemporary setting and is held on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Morning Divine Services**—These services are held on Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. and feature worship in a traditional liturgical setting.

## Church Staff

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# Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 341



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the  
 2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot  
 3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the  
 4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a  
 5 Re - deem - er, come and o - pen wide My heart to



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing  
 is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -  
 rul - er is con-fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py  
 tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -  
 Thee; here, Lord, a - bid! O en - ter with Thy grace di -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -  
 ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of  
 homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less  
 ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your  
 vine; Thy face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly



va - tion He doth bring; There-fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.  
 all our woe He brings; There-fore the earth is glad and sings.  
 sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.  
 Sov - 'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.  
 Spir - it guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal is won.



To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.  
 To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.  
 To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.  
 To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!  
 E - ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy name.

# 333 Once He Came in Blessing



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -  
 2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He  
 3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y  
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,  
 feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,  
 pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor  
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to  
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will  
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful  
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.  
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.  
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.  
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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# Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

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1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is  
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the  
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with  
4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the  
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all  
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with  
world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us  
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"  
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;  
with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.  
liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

# Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

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1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;  
2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;  
3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.  
Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth, Glo - ry all a - round Him.  
He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?  
Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;  
Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.  
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.  
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

# When All the World Was Cursed

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1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na - tion,  
2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,  
3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres - sion,  
4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re - joic - ing,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.  
Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.  
Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il's dread op - pres - sion.  
The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re - pen-tance voic - ing,



With true fore - run - ner's zeal The great - er One he named,  
By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,  
Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,  
That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way



And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.  
He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:  
Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.  
Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.

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1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?  
 2 Your Zi - on strews be - fore You Green boughs and fair - est palms;  
 3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free.  
 4 Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!  
 And I too will a - dore You With joy - ous songs and psalms.  
 I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me.  
 Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast  
 My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais - es new  
 A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high  
 Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.  
 And from Your name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.  
 That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.  
 In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.

5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,  
 Cannot His love erase;  
 Your guilt the Lord will pardon  
 And cover by His grace.  
 He comes, for you procuring  
 The peace of sin forgiv'n,  
 His children thus securing  
 Eternal life in heav'n.

6 He comes to judge the nations,  
 A terror to His foes,  
 A light of consolations  
 And blessèd hope to those  
 Who love the Lord's appearing.  
 O glorious Sun, now come,  
 Send forth Your beams so cheering,  
 And guide us safely home.

# Away in a Manger

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1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.  
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.  
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the sky ——— looked down where He lay,  
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

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